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- 1. SUMMARY. AMBASSADOR EVENSEN IS FURTHER CONCERNED ABOUT SANTIAGO SITE FOR 1974 LOS CONFERENCE IN LIGHT OF COUP. HE ALSO HOPES FOR EARLY WASHINGTON REACTION TO HIS PROPOSAL FOR SETTING UP A STEERING GROUP REPORTED REFTEL. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE EARLY DEPARTMENT COMMENTS. END SUMMARY.
- 2. DURING MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR EVENSEN ON 21 SEPTEMBER, EVENSEN SAID COUP IN CHILE HAD INCREASED HIS CONCERN ABOUT HOLDING THE LOS CONFERENCE IN CHILE. AS AN OLD RESISTANCE FIGHTER IN WW II, HE THOUGHT ALLENDE SUPPORTERS IN SANTIAGO WOULD NOT FAIL TO USE THE CONFERENCE TO EXPRESS THEIR DISCONTENT TO DETRIMENT OF CHANCES OF CONFERENCE SUCCESS. CONFIDENTIAL

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CHILEAN JUNTA'S CUBAN POLICY WOULD ALSO ALIENATE EASTERN

EUROPEAN COUNTRIES WHOSE SUPPORT ESSENTIAL FOR SUCCESS OF CONFERENCE. ACCORDINGLY HE HAS SENT FOREIGN MINISTRY REPRESENTATIVE TO UN SECRETARIAT IN NEW YORK TO SOUND OUT IN LOW KEY BECAUSE OF SENSITIVITY OF ISSUE POSSIBILITIES OF CHANGE OF VENUE FOR CONFERENCE. WHILE VIENNA IS OUT FOR SUMMER OF 1974, HE IS LOOKING INTO POSSIBILITIES OF SPRING OR FALL CONFERENCE THERE. HE ALSO INVESTIGATING AVAILABILITY OF GENEVA AND POSSIBILITIES OF LDC SITE SUCH AS NEW DELHI OR NAIROBI.

- 3. EVENSEN ASKED WHETHER EMBASSY HAD RECEIVED NEWS FROM LOS AUTHORITIES IN WASHINGTON ON HIS STEERING GROUP PROPOSAL REPORTED REFTEL. ECON OFFICER SAID HE WOULD AGAIN QUERY WASHINGTON.
- 4. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE EARLY RECEIPT OF DEPT COMMENTS EVEN IF ONLY PRELIMINARY ON EVENSEN'S STEERING GROUP PROPOSAL AND ON HIS VIEWS ON SANTIAGO VENUE. BUCHANAN

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